

## **Eco Team Work Session Agenda**

**October 3-4, 2005**

EPA/DEQ Headquarters Building, 811 SW Sixth Ave., Portland  
Conference Room 10 (10<sup>th</sup> floor); sign-in on 7<sup>th</sup> floor

### **Monday, October 3**

- 10:00 Review today's meeting agenda and what we need to accomplish – *Mikell*
- 10:10 Follow up on assignments from our September 19 Eco Team work session
- 10:15 Revised **Problem Formulation and Workplan Appendices** for ERA – *Val/Chris*
- Expected outcome: Review proposed revisions and discuss next steps.
- 10:45 Revised **Ecological CSM** –*All*
- Expected outcome: Review revised CSM before meeting and bring comments on additional changes needed, including "complete/significant" designations. Finalize the model and document our justification for making these changes (i.e., for clarification purposes, or to direct the LWG to do something different than what they originally planned).
- Noon Lunch break
- 12:45 Changes to **Food Web Structure** – *All*
- Expected outcome: Review the LWG's proposed food web structure (see LWG's 4/23/04 PH Workplan Figures 5-4 and 5-5) and Burt's proposed food webs. Discuss changes and agree on the structure we'll use for Portland Harbor.
- 1:30 Changes to **Assessment Endpoint Table** – *All*
- Expected outcome: Discuss Table 2-1 in LWG's 9/9/05 PRE and agree on changes needed to assessment endpoints and effect/exposure measures, including justification. Document this, as well as any data gaps and needs identified by the Team related to the broader ERA approach. Discuss the schedule for key assessment areas and team assignments as needed.
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 Begin **discussion of existing data and identification of specific data gaps** – *All*
- Expected outcome: Using the revised ecological CSM and agreed-upon Food web Structure, begin to identify areas where sufficient data exists to characterize risk and areas where additional data is needed. We'll have the ability to project and discuss available data sets during the meeting as needed. Document our conclusions about sufficient data areas and specific data gaps (using a laptop during the meeting), with clear justification for why additional data is needed.
- 5:00 Adjourn for the day

### **Tuesday, October 4**

- 7:50 Arrive and settle in
- 8:00 Review today's meeting agenda and what we need to accomplish – *Mikell*
- 8:10 Review conclusions from Monday's meeting on existing data and data gaps – *Mikell*
- 8:30 Continue **discussion of existing data and identification of specific data gaps** – *All*
- Will include a 15 minute break.

11:30 Review complete list of data gaps identified by the team – *Mikell*

noon Lunch break

12:45 **Prioritizing the data gaps list** – *All*

- Expected outcome: Identify top, medium and low priorities for additional data collection, given the limited amount of time we have for additional sampling/analysis if we stick to the 2008 ROD timeline. Document team agreements, as well as any areas in which the team cannot agree. (Areas of disagreement may need to be elevated for senior manager resolution.)
- Definitions:
  - Top priorities for data collection are those that the team determines to be **essential** to an adequate RI and ERA. These are ones that must be satisfied during the RI/FS. *Compelling justification is needed.*
  - Medium priorities for data collection are **important** but are not necessarily essential to an adequate RI and ERA. These are ones we can negotiate with the LWG. *Justification is needed and the consequences of not collecting this data should be articulated by the team before meeting with the LWG.*
  - Low priorities for data collection are ones that would be nice to have, but **are not essential** to an adequate RI and ERA. Given the 2008 timeline and our higher priority data needs, we agree that these data gaps do not need to be collected during the RI/FS. *Justification could still be helpful in seeking this data during the RD/RA phase, after the 2008 ROD.*
- Will include a 15 minute break.

3:00 **Step back and assess** – *All*

- Expected outcome: Review our list of top priority data gaps and discuss whether we believe a 2008 timeline is feasible given the data collection/analysis work we've identified for 2006 and 2007. Come to agreement as a team on this and document any team suggestions for what we and the LWG will need to do to achieve the 2008 timeline.

3:30 Discuss **recent or upcoming Eco deliverables** and needs – *All*

- Eco deliverables include 9/9/05 PRE, 11/4/05 Initial Food Web Modeling Results Report, and Revised Comprehensive ERA Approach TM. (others?)
- Expected outcome: Agree on adjustments to the deliverable/response schedule to give us time to develop direction to the LWG.

3:45 Discuss **next Eco Team work session agenda** and future work session dates – *All*

- October 17: Eco Team work session in Centralia/Olympia
  - Agenda may include food web model, process for determining COPCs, and direction for the ERA approach
  - Decide whether we need additional work sessions in October and/or November.
- October 24-25: Eco Team work session in Seattle
  - Joe is finding a meeting location
  - Agenda may include direction for the ERA approach, discussion of fate and transport, and expectations on how top and medium priority data gaps should be filled.
- November 1-2: Eco Team work session if needed (location TBD)
  - Agenda may include finishing needed work and developing clear, complete direction for the LWG.

4:00 Adjourn